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## Lake Worth ISD Board of Trustees Approves New Associate Degree **Opportunity for High School Students**

(LAKE WORTH, TX) - At the April 21, 2025, Board Meeting, the Lake Worth ISD Board of Trustees approved an exciting new opportunity for Lake Worth High School students. With the approval of a new course offering, students can now graduate with an Associate of Science degree from McMurry University for free while fully participating in the traditional high school experience.

Incoming and current freshmen will now be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity to accomplish another milestone achievement before graduating from high school. Many early college programs often require students to give up extracurricular activities due to scheduling conflicts. Lake Worth ISD's partnership with McMurry University allows students to enjoy the traditional high school experience while simultaneously pursuing higher education.

"This program is designed to provide the best of both worlds: a traditional high school experience and the significant achievement of a college degree," said Michael Mundt, Director of Advanced Academics and College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR). "Students will have the unique opportunity to earn their first college degree—at no cost—while fully participating in the rich experiences of high school life."

In addition, the program offers students the flexibility to apply credits earned through Lake Worth ISD's other dual credit partners, creating even more opportunities to personalize their academic journey.

"This new pathway removes barriers and opens doors," Mundt added. "It's a true game-changer for our Bullfrogs!"

Lake Worth ISD remains committed to expanding opportunities that empower students to succeed both during high school and beyond.

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